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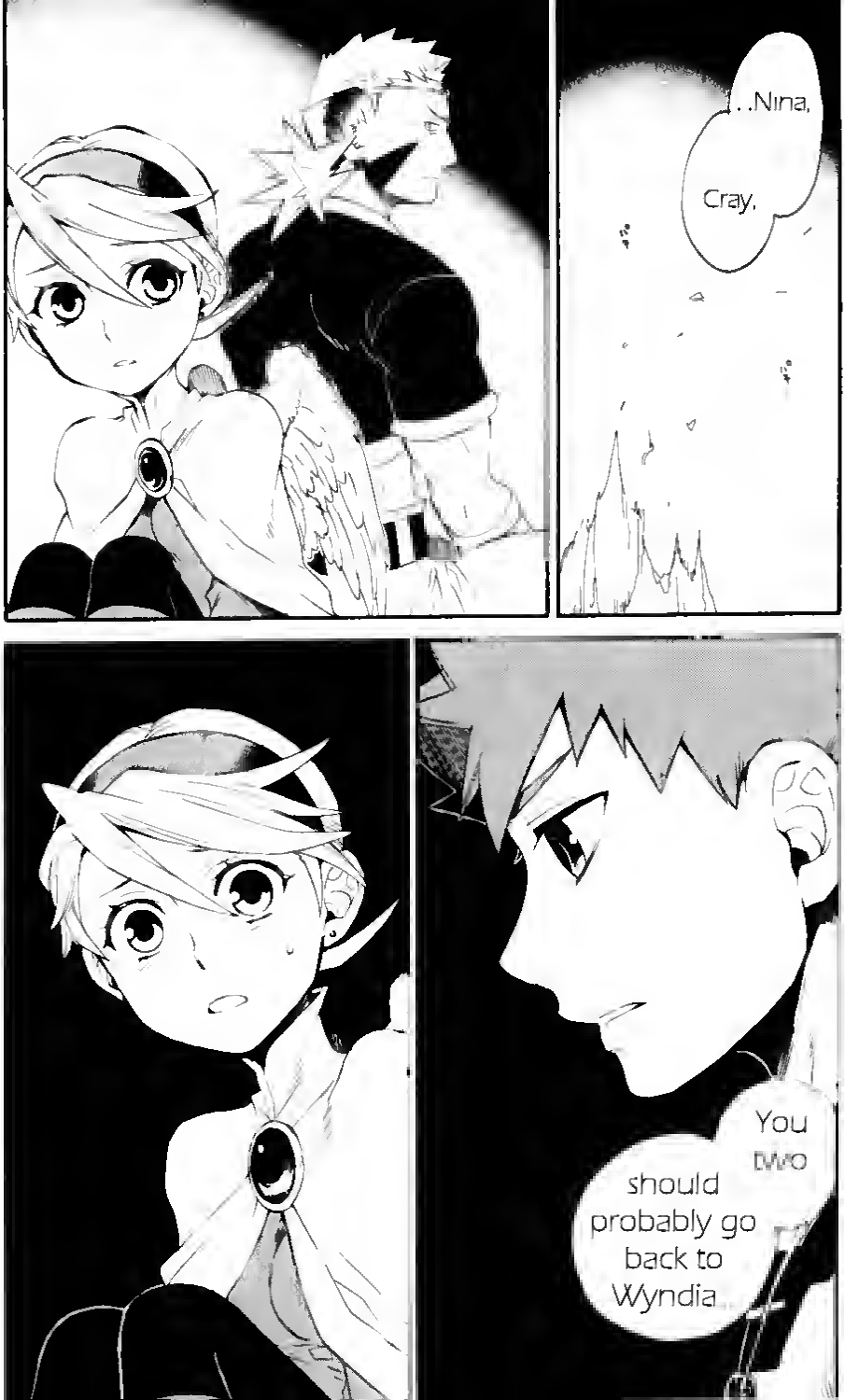
Chapter 23: Journey's End

But I think, if we push hard, we can arrive tomorrow.
...We'll want to avoid going through the hexed Soma forest.
So we'll have to detour on our way to the Capital.
...

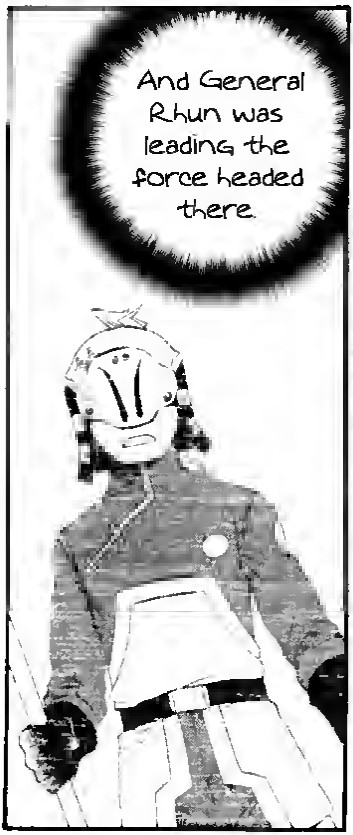
...Every-one's moral is low, but...
I don't have the right to say any-thing...


...Nina,
Cray,
You two should probably go back to Wyndia...

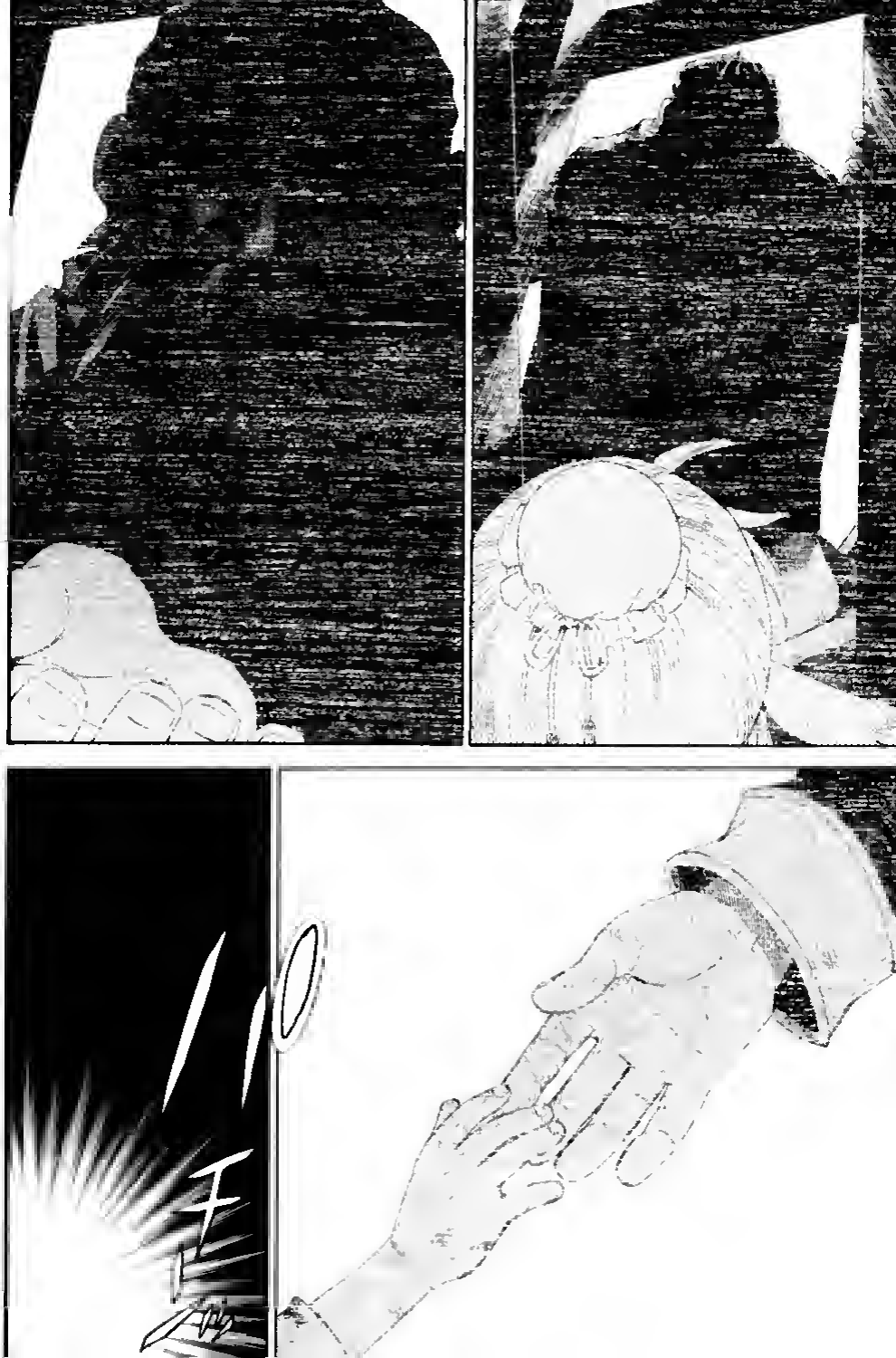
There's no reason for you to get involved....
Wh-
Why...
From here on, it's my problem.
It'll definitely be dangerous at the Capital,
So...
—Ryu,
...I couldn't do anything for Elina.
So I won't just stand by and do nothing now.
I'm staying with you until the end of all this.

I'm definitely going.
...So,
Elina would have wanted that...
"If I left, Ryu-chan would surely suffer"
... She says.
I... I'm going... too...
You two..
That's right... Asking us to leave.... Please don't say something so sad.

...Thank you..
Every-one...


And General Rhun was leading the force headed there.

There are monsters in the Capital...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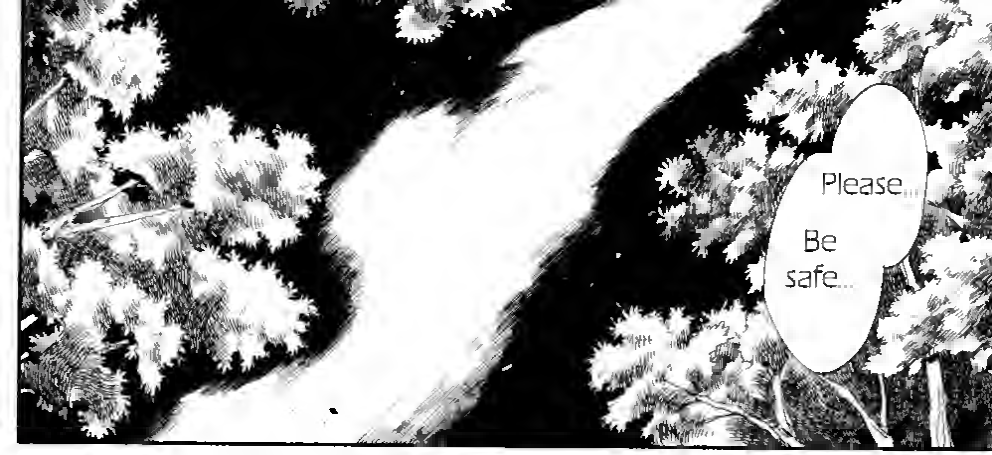
…
General Rhun...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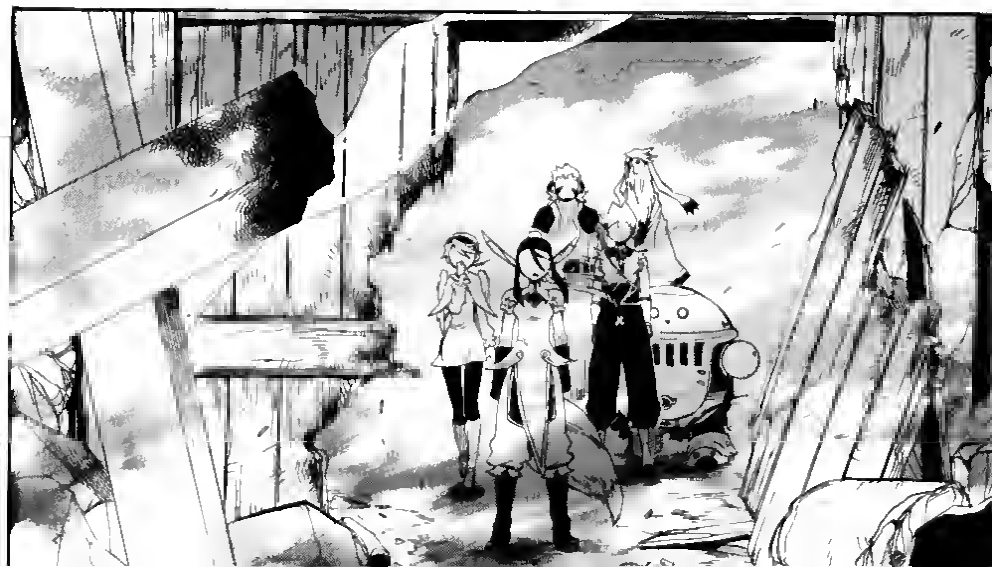
Be safe...



How awful
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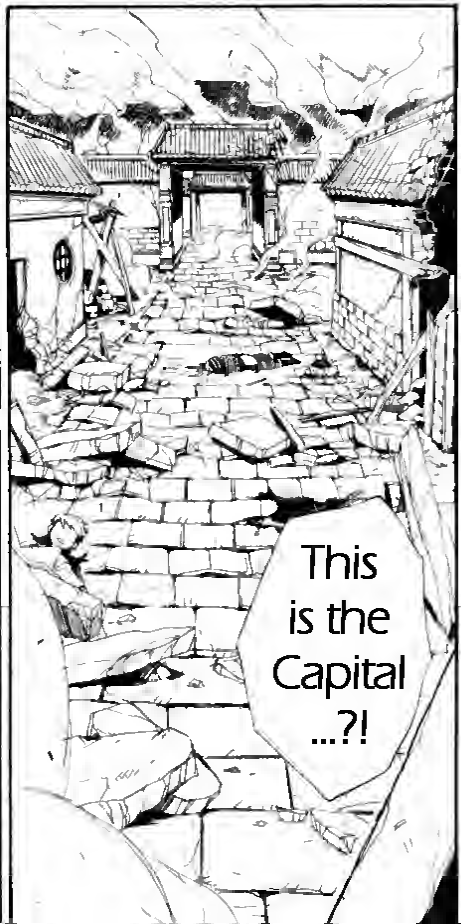
This is the Capital ...?!

Look out!
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ドドド

We should hurry
Th.
There really are monsters
Come
This way
I've got a bad feeling about this...

There are monsters everywhere inside the city.
But we still haven't found the General
We keep finding more dead soldiers
The General's Corps—
How-ever—

The palace is just a little further.
I'm fine
Let's move on...
Ah, Yes,
Gasp!
Ursula?
!
The General is surely at the Palace—

General Rhun...!

Are you injured...?
Gu...
Uuu...
Gen-erall
Are you all right...?!
Ursula...?
B... But-!
Besides that, why are you here?
No...
I'm fine, Ursula...
Nina! Please... heal him!
Of... Of course!

Captain Ursula, in accordance with her mission..
has successfully captured and returned with the Dragon!
What of your mission...
—Yes.
Could it be... the Dragon is...?!
He is the Yorae Dragon.
Aah..
I see..

Please forgive my rudeness
Dragon
So you're the other half of...
General?
Have you met Yuna?
...Yes,
Back in Astana
...
Ursula,

We made our God with our own hands...
But then we drove the ancient God away...
...As I thought...
General...
Even though we didn't know, we lent him the power to attack God...
I never thought...

—How-ever,
God's wrath...
I don't mind if this body is destroyed by it.
That's why I—
For the sake of a conceited few
I cannot abide the entire world being destroyed...
Yes...
But to think I'd only get this far...
!
Could it be you were trying to meet Fou-Lu?

Yorae Dragon...
But there's still you.
So, Fou-l.u is, after all
Perhaps we deserve to be destroyed...
God... We were foolish.
...But, God,
Trying to destroy humanity...?

If there is any mercy in your soul,
For our children's future...
Guu-
General ...!
I...
I'm...
If it's Ryu,
Then it will be fine.
-since he has Nina's behind to compel him" Says Deis.
Behind?
OH-- WHY WOULD YOU SAY SUCH A THING--
Ha ha ha ...!

I'm glad that I could meet you, Yorae Dragon, at the very least
Captain Ursula
...Sir.
Escort this man to the Palace, where the God-Emperor waits
Yes-
Gen-eral

...General Rhun,
Let's go.
This leads inside the Palace
Thank you. For everything.

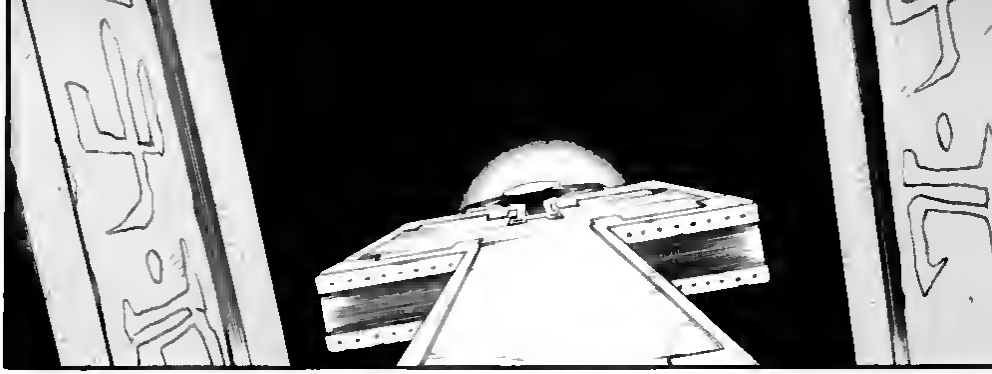
Won't you call me what you used to, long ago..?
General ...
Don't worry about me Ursula
Be-sides that,

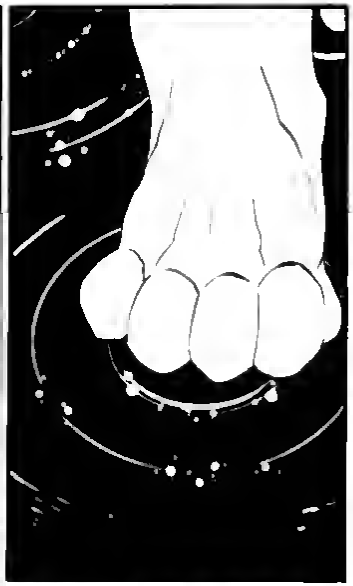
Grand-father ...!
...You've gotten big.
Ursula...

It seems like only yesterday I took you in, a war orphan...
But it seems I couldn't do anything for you, as a Grand-father...
Grand-father,
!...!
Listen well, Ursula.
If the world survives this,
I want you to live happily.
So go now.
What the world becomes after this
will be shaped by you and the Yorae Dragon...!

—That's right
The world..
Belongs to the children..

Chapter 24: The Endless - Part I





I BID
THEE
WELCOME

...You are...
I am A-Tur
A companion of Won-Qu and a servant of Lord Fou-Lu
Lord Other Half-
Let us go
My master is waiting
...Fou-Lu did...?
Now,
My master commanded that I greet thee

I don't think it's anything like that.
Be-cause...
It could be a trap...
...It's all right.
Beyond here lies the Throne Room
Because I only want to meet him, and talk
...

My guidance ends here
Thank you, A-Tur...
Be careful
Lord other half
Fou-Lu is beyond here...

Lord Fou-Lu is
...
Long ago,
He believed in mortals Would that we could return to that time
We did not intend to become involved in Mortal affairs
However
Neither do we wish to see our Lord like this
That ...
Won-qu said the same thing.
...

It pleases me that thou thinkest so
Please,
Surely ....
..He still could come back
Lord Fou-Lu's wish-

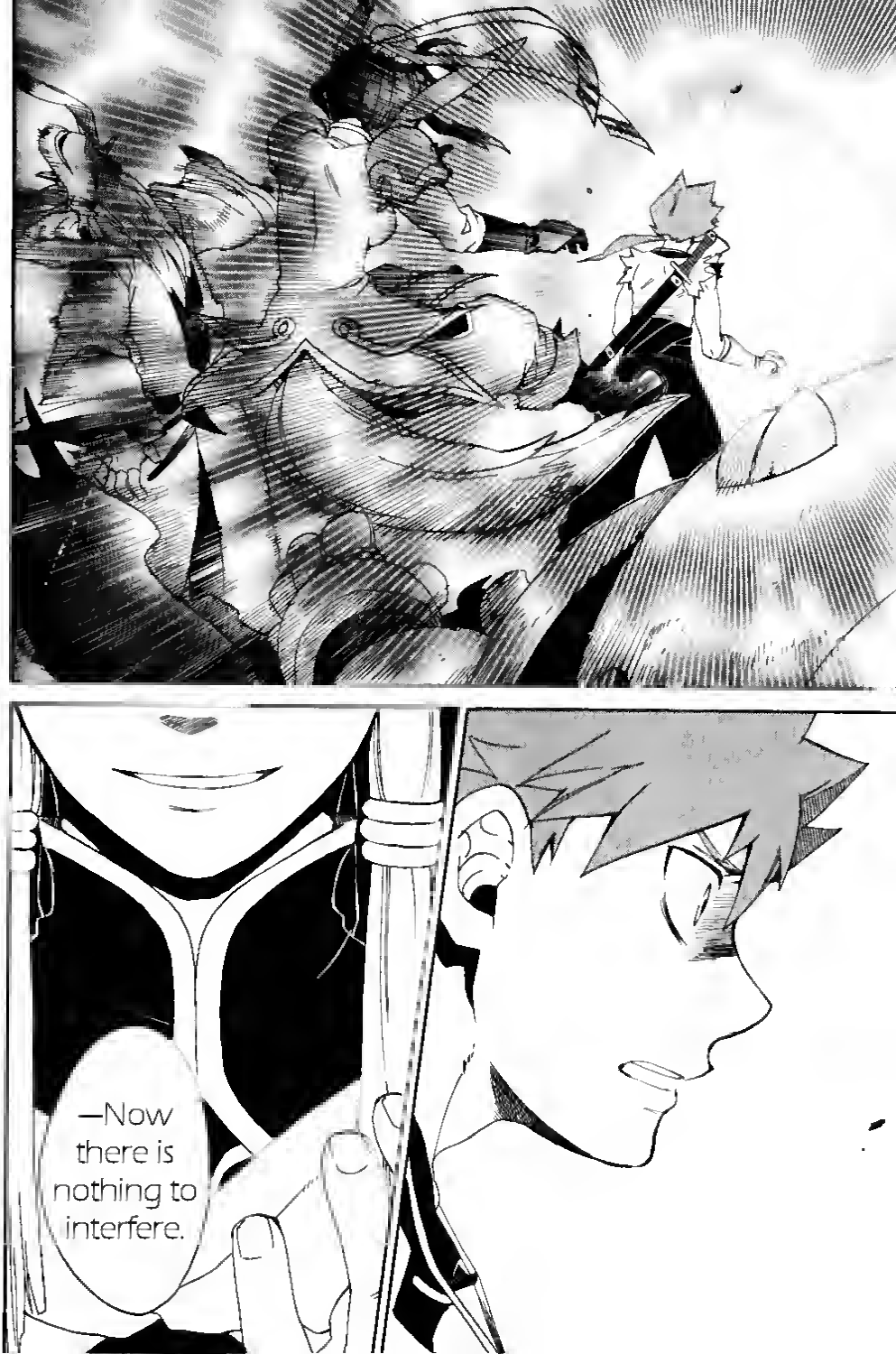
...Finally,
I'm finally here....!
–At long last, thou hast arrived.
Our other half.

Fou-Lu.
We hath awaited thine arrival.

I finally found you...!
It appears thou hast brought some extraneous things
Aye.
How-ever...

Wha...

Why..
Cray
!
Nina!
Fou-
Lu!
I don't
want to
fight you!
Just...
Let's just
talk. . !!


—Now there is nothing to interfere.

Come,
Ryu! Mine own self!
Come hither.

This fading flesh... we shall cast it away, to become one body and soul!
...Fou-Lu,
The time hast come for us to become one complete God
There is no need to speak
We shall understand everything once we become one
Why won't you listen to me...?
Fou-Lu...!

Then, with our divine power, we shall bid farewell to this world.
You hurt my friends ...!
You...

ﾌﾝ...
T'would appear thou hast become too attached to these ever fading things

Thou calls these mortals "friends"...
...Ryu,

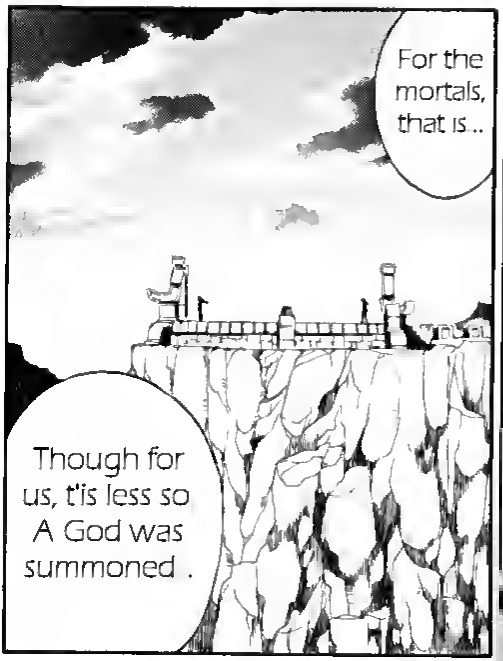
Where ...!
-We must sever thine ties with the mortals.

... Fou-Lu!

To the place where we began...
Come
Ryu
Gasp-
The place where they began...
..Ryu!

!!
Ryu!!
Wait ...!!
I have to go..
We have to go after him...!!
Ryu!!
...Does that mean it wasn't actually him, sitting there ...?

Long ago...


For the mortals, that is ..
Though for us, t'is less so A God was summoned .

But the summoning was imperfect.
The God was cleft in t'wain, called forth in two bodies.
Myself, and...
...Thee.
—Ryu.

I've felt that too, many times...
You. Are despairing about humans
Yeah...
Thou dost understand mine feelings, yes...?
Thou seekest to protect the mortals?
And their world, dost thou not...?
But hear me, Ryu... They hath merely been swept up in thine current...
I, too, can feel thine thoughts...
Thou didst arrive here after a journey with those mortals...

Thou wishest to assure their future...?
Fou-Lu!!
What ...?!
If thou canst withstand mine power, then all is well
If thou cannot, those behind thee shall perish.

I...
I'm...
Ryu...

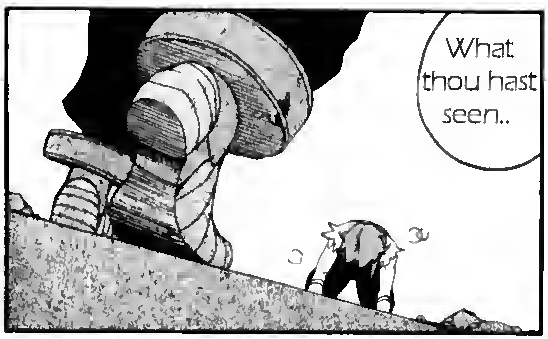
Then...
Which shall it be...?

Haa
Haa
Haa...

Thou didst manage to persevere...
To go to such lengths, to save the mortals...
...
Heed me, Ryu..
Verily, thou art conflicted

Th...
That's...
— I know the truth.

Haa-
This world...
Haa-
Are the mortals truly worth all this?


What thou hast seen..

—How-ever, Ryu,

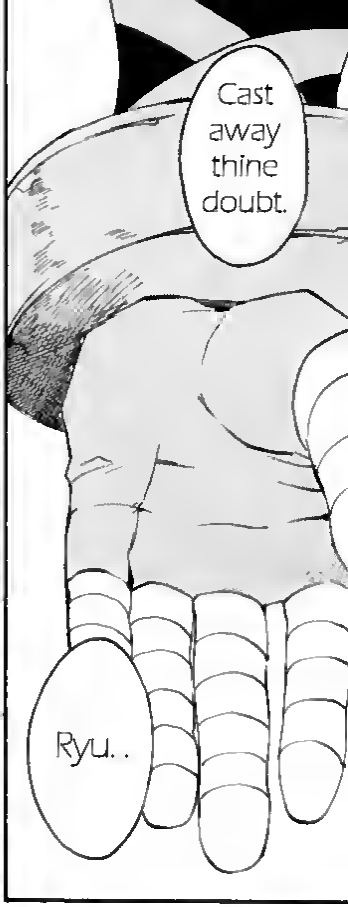
The mortals' joy, anger, laughter, sadness...
Life
And death...

That is as nothing to us.
Didst thou not think them worth-less...?
Insolent
Mortals are ignorant
They wound
They kill...
They lie.
Their stupidity is bound-less...

Ryu...
Is this not so?
Th...
That's ...
—That might be so....
ズォ…
The mortals are selfish creatures

Has thou not seen mankind's foolishness ...?
Hast thou not seen mankind's cruelty?
Uu.
That might be true
You're wrong
You're wrong!
I...
That might be true—
Y...

Mortals are not worth protecting.


Cast away thine doubt.
Ryu..

Don't ...!!!
—Ryu!!
...-!

Ryu...!!
Ryu...?

Ryu...?
Ryu is here.
Fou-Lu is here.
—Yes.
And yet...
There is neither.

Chapter 25: The Endless - Part II

That...
Ryu...
Can't be...
Ryu was...
...
devil
...
taken in...?
..And if I am...?

My decision to destroy humanity has not changed.
—Nina!!
Get back!
Nina ...!!

How pointless...
Just doing what ever you want
Damn it...

Cray....!!
Humans can't win against a God ..
And now Ryu is gone—
This... It's use-less...
Gu...

—He isn't gone.
Ryu isn't gone...
...I-

I believe it.
That Ryu hasn't disappeared ....!
As long as there's a little of him inside of you...
WOOSH
I have hope..!
....Ryu

I love this world you're in..!
People can be foolish.. But we can change
I want to believe that
If you can hear me
I...
I love this world
This world I love...!

Love..
Belief.

What foolish-ness...

You mortals trample every-thing in your path without concern
You are conflicting creatures...

What could such fleeting things do ....?

...I will destroy humanity.
...Nina
However,
Before that, I will rid myself of all of you.
—I am
I am...

....Ryu
...
I am not wrong !
.....

...Dis-
appear.
Ryu——!!
H
!!

Ni...
na...

Ryu..?
Is that you..?
...Why?
We shouldst be one
Thou shouldst have dis-appeared!
Ryu——
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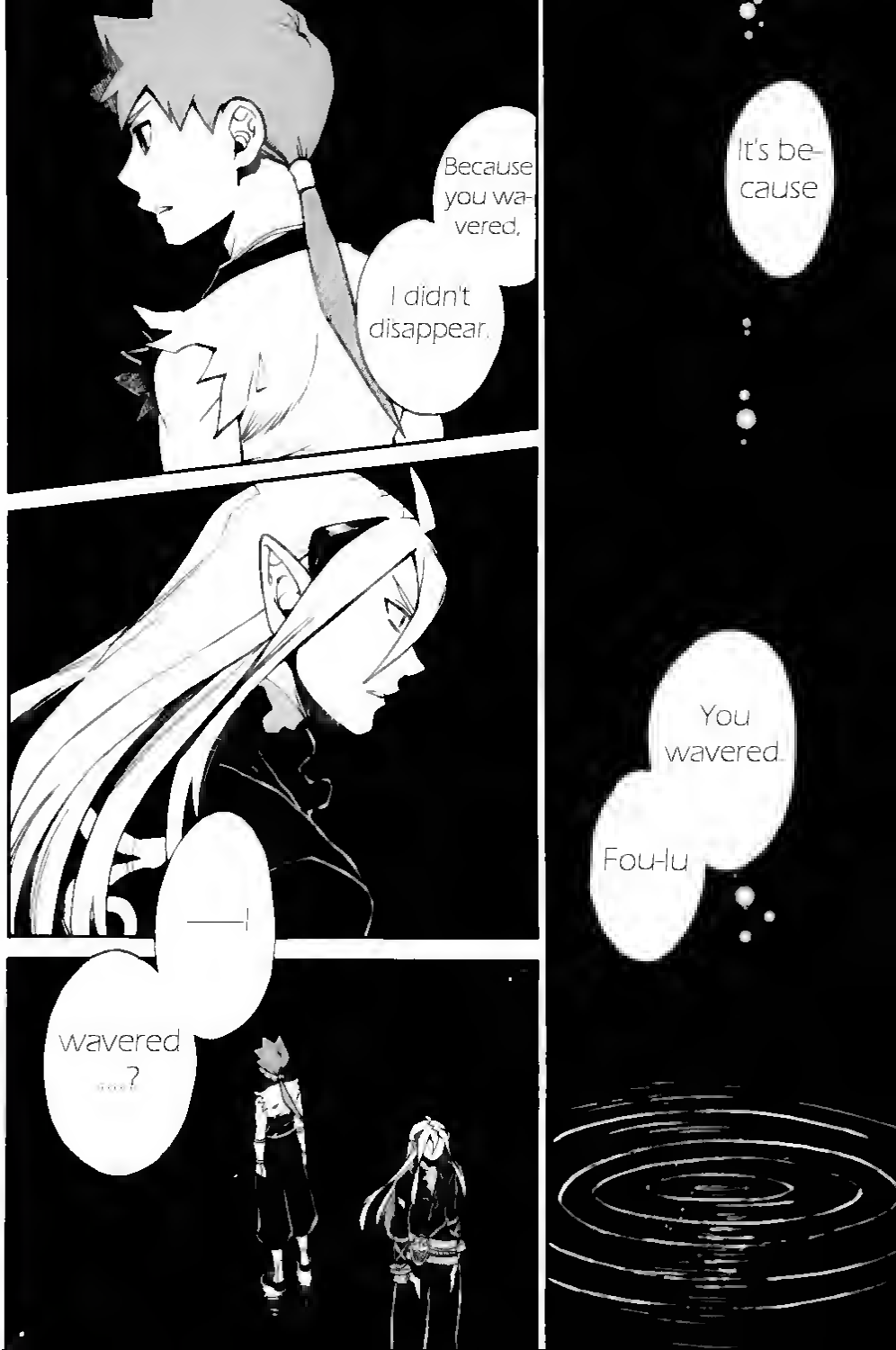

Because you wa-vered,
I didn't disappear.
It's be-cause
You wavered.
Fou-lu
—I
wavered ...?

...I've been thinking for a while.
About why I was born.
My duty is surely to travel this world and see its people.
About why I was seperated from you.
Not only because of the failed summoning. There must be some other meaning.
—Fou-Lu
Like you said, humans might be foolish.
I know I've met some like that.
...But,

My friends taught me that
They aren't all like that
Then what's this?
Because you knew someone who was kind...
....That is...!
You knew someone like that, too
That's why you wavered

Why is it your most treasured possession ....?

!?
....
An-chan...

I am
You're wrong
I am
ア——

What is it now...?!

..Thank you, Nina.
For believing in me...
I always believed in you
From the very beginning ...!

Why...?
How-ever..
The mortals art too foolish to receive salvation..
The world.. The Endless protect it
Certainly, t'is our duty as Gods..
...Even then,
This world...
there is no hope for it .!

I want to protect this world
!
This world where Nina and my friends live...
I want to protect humanity's future.
I won't waver.

...ku
Ryu...
Ku ku
I see it now...
T'would appear I am too late.
Mine foolish other half...
If thou wilt not sever thine ties with them...

Gll Gl...
Monsters!
How did they get this far...?!
Guys!

They won't go past here .....!!
Ryu...!
You just worry about your own fight!
We're fine!
We can handle this many by our-selves...!

Sorry to leave it all to you.
- says Deis.
Go...
Good... luck
Thanks, everyone----
....Yeah.

— If it be true that I am wavering
Ryu...
T'is because of thine bonds with the mortals.

And it hast flowed into me.
...It's not only because of me..!

What the...
...?!
Those are your true feelings—!
Is that Fou-Lu?
He looks... just like Ryu...
....If thou shalt not aid me in my endeavour,

THEN THOU SHALT DISAPPEAR ALONGSIDE THINE COMPANIONS, AND HUMAN-ITY!

It has begun.
The battle of the Dragons.
The battle to decide their fate-

Chapter 26: The Endless - Part III

Kyaaaa-
...!!
...What was that?!

Ryu is-
Haa
Haa
.... What's wrong?

...
Dost thou intend to protect thine mortals with that amount of strength ?
—No
I'm all right .
Thou shouldst abandon this fight. If thou dost—

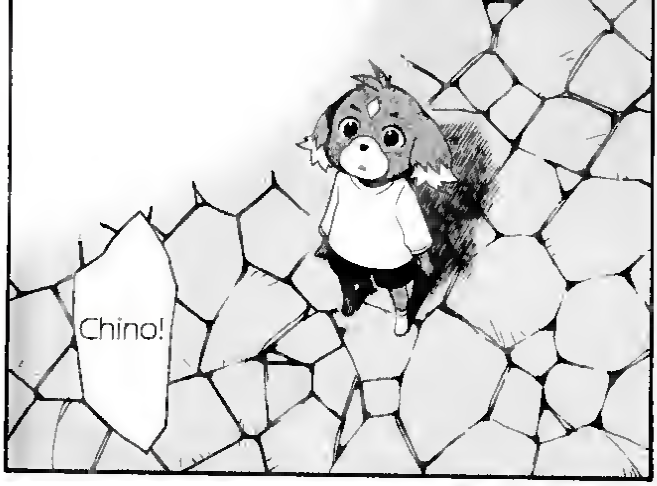
Because it's not just me who wants to protect this world.!

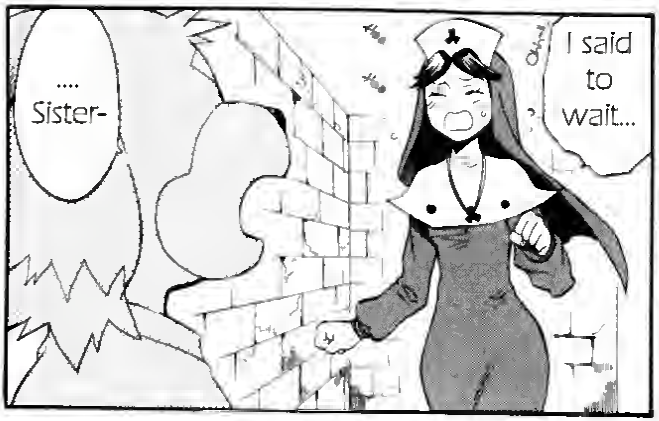
...Deis!!
Take care of every-one...!!
Oh my

You sure do use your workmen roughly.
-says Deis.
Even though I'm incomplete...

So you need to watch.
This world, and you
Where do you intend to run?
The ones Ryu is protecting is you, isn't that right?
Thank you... Deis-san.
But... We're just holding him back. He'd be better off if we escaped...

Until
the end


Chino!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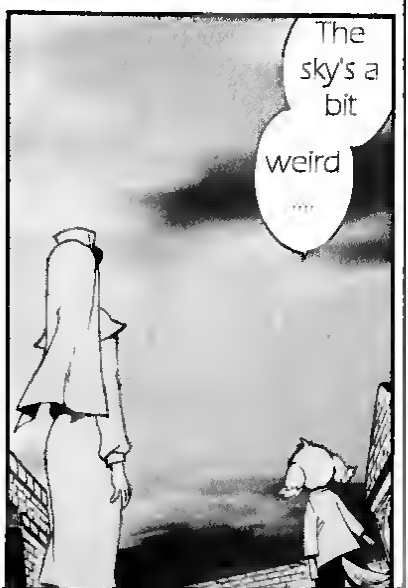
Sister-
I said to wait...

...Let's pray.


The sky's a bit weird
....

There's nothing more we can do ..

Haa
Haa
Haa
Haa

...Fou-Lu
...T'is thine victory.
Ryu...
Thou mayst take me in...
Kuku .....
The one who hesitated .....
T'was ... I?

...I
I no longer..
hast any care..
"Which one of us gets absorbed"
That isn't why I came here
..Foolishness
Another way is...
Fou-L.u.
I've always heard your voice.
I came here to meet you.
Once I did, I thought we could find another way...

Let's go see the world together.
So give them one more chance
But even so, they're beautiful
Mortals are weak
They're foolish and full of contradictions.

——My foolish other half...

Uh...
It..
It got quiet..
Gasp-
Is it over...?

Ryu is..?!
Ryu ..!!

Ryu...?

That's right.
Nina.
But your hair is...
Fou-Lu's...
col-our...
He feels different from before
Does this mean every-thing's over...?
But he's definitely Ryu—
Not yet.

The Endless can't live in harmony with this world...
Like he said,
Now I understand what Fou-Lu was saying...
...?
Humans are of this world.
No,
People are...
Could you... Ryu...?!
... That's,

We should go back.
All of us....
...

The ones who aren't needed
are we Endless

...Don't
I'd like to see what the mortals do from here on out...

I could send you back to your original world, but...
What would you like?

Deis.

...Ryu.
Shut up
Ershin! You're going to stay forever?
And I've gotten comfortable in this armour
I see
Meeting everyone,
Thank you for everything

and having this journey.
I'm so glad I did.

Because...
Don't go...
No.
...No.
But,
We'll definitely see each other again...!
If all the Gods go back,
Then Ryu, too——
I'm sorry, Nina.

Until that time—
Ryu……
I…
I don't want to say goodbye like this...

Last Chapter: Gods and Mortals
...They've disappeared.

This aura is...
The Endless have.
—It is the end of an era...

The Endless have disappeared.
— So the Gods have died..
It's fine.
.....Ya.
L-
Lord Yuna...

Gods.
I can make as many as I wish...

Nina.
...
Nii-sama...
Everyone's heading back to the city.
We should go too
..I don't know.
But...
There's nothing we can do here.
....
Ryu isn't...
Going to come back, is he?

We've got a lot of things we need to do—
Us mortals
Isn't that right?

...Yes.
Every-thing all right now?
...
That's not a face that looks all right
Ursula.
We're gonna head back east.
I see...
...I plan on staying here in the capital.

The Empire is over...
But there's still a people.
It's for their sake we must help rebuild
We cannot even spare the men to search for General Rhun
...You don't know where he is?
That's right.
Though I'm more worried about not knowing where Yuna is.
He seems to have vanished from Astana.
....That fox bastard, huh?
Just him...!

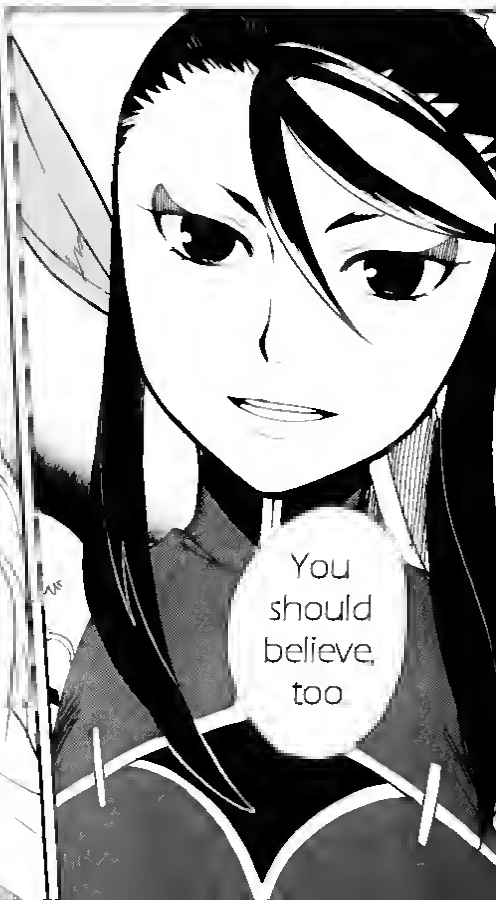
....
It won't happen a second time..!
We will find him.
?
Uh-
Ursula
.....
!
I...
I didn't really do....
...
Thanks.
Cough
That..
Um...
You've been a lot of help.
Wh-

...We're not enemies anymore.
—Yeah.
I'd like to express my gratitude as well
Ursula-san
...Yes. The same to you...

And that we'll see each other again..
I...
I believe that General Rhun is alive

...Nina

Ryu will certainly return someday.


You should believe, too

...Well then!
—Yes.
Scias.
Ershin
?
Cray
Nina

—And Ryu.
I release you five from my custody!
Wha- Are you saying we were still prisoners?!
It's just semantics.
Noisy man.
Hmph-
You were more a prisoner than us!
Aah..
They just shouldn't handle...
She says that they fight so much means they're close.
It seems so.

The Gods disappeared from the world.

What will happen to the world, to the people now...
The Gods who moved the world had disappeared—

....That,
no one can
know.
But——

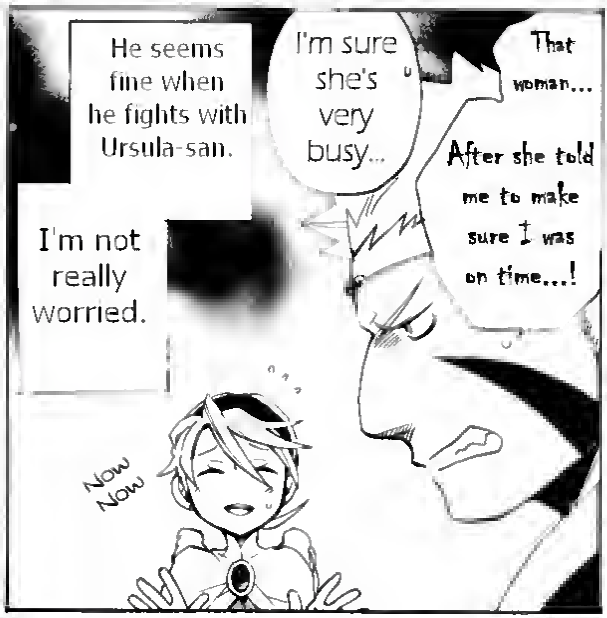
Boss~
We've cleared section two~
Good work
Let's see. Why don't you help out on section three?
Su-re
Section three-
There's lots of monsters there...
We'd need to be careful...
Well, that's why we have a body-guard
haha

It'll be fine if you just leave it to those two...
He-
Here it comes—
あぁ
キャあ
Body-guard!
Please!
Save the workers!

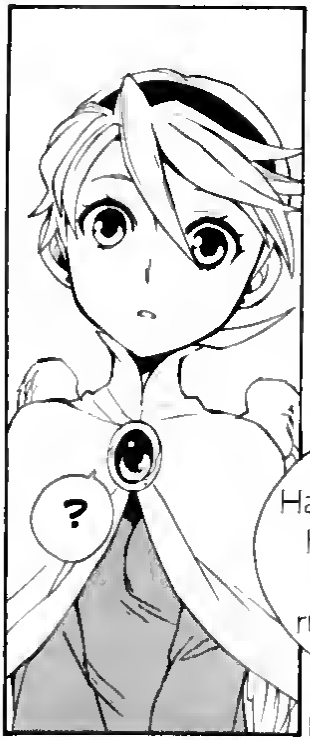
We're saved!
You really are reliable~
kiin-
Ee-
Eeeei-
wel-come...
Deis says this much is nothing...
Guuu-
Breath-
...Yo-u're-

Since the Gods have disappeared, but the hexes haven't.
Deis-san says that people have no choice but to help out, little by little.
It's
It's hard to breathe
You can't take it off. There's too much pollution!
Ufu fu
Ershin-san and Scias-san are
Helping to get rid of the last of the Hexes, as body-guards.
There must be something I can do to help...
knock
knock
—Nina.

Are you doing well?
Yes! And you?
Nii-sama is
..Yeah.
Nii-sama!
It's been a while.
...That reminds me,
But...
...It's to be expect-ed.
still a little unwell.


He seems fine when he fights with Ursula-san.
I'm not really worried.
I'm sure she's very busy...
That woman...
After she told me to make sure I was on time...!
Now Now

Ursula still hasn't come?
No. She's a little late...
She let us know earlier.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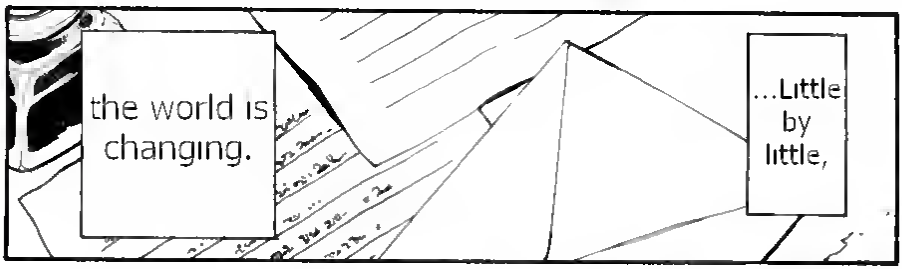
Have you heard that rumor?
Oh, yeah, Nina.

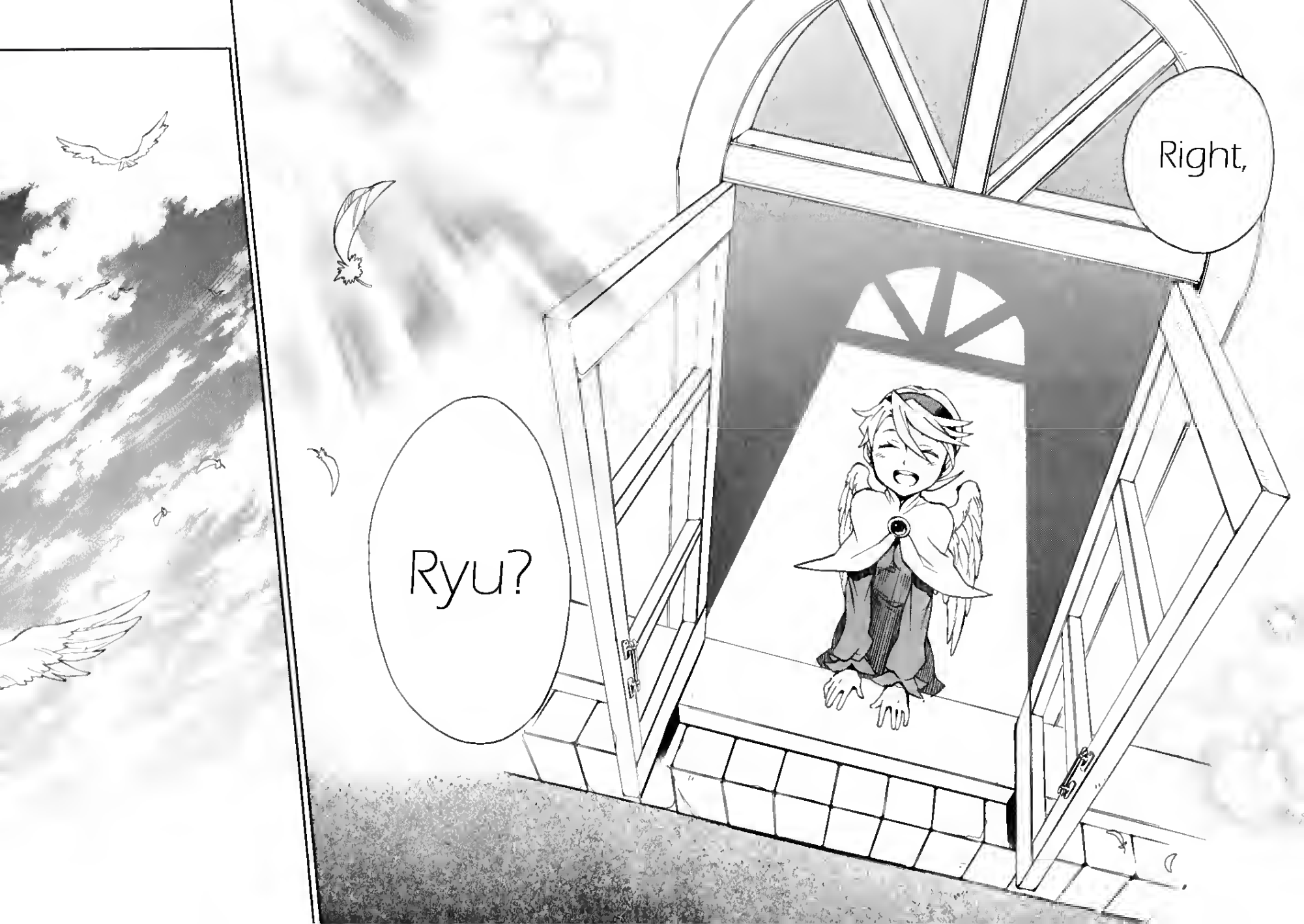
It seems they still haven't found General Rhun...
They're gonna try searching on the East Bank this time.
Yeah

I guess Ludia finally agreed.
With this, the world will be a bit better place
It seems they're pretty close to signing a peace agreement.
Really...?!
Father... And you...
And Ursula-san, you're all working so hard...
Well then, I'd better go say hello to the king.
Yes.
I'll see you later!


the world is changing.
...Little by little,

...Letters for Ryu.
I've written a lot..
カチ...

You can read them all when you come back
People will...
I believe that.
This world will certainly turn out fine.


Right,
Ryu?

Lost thine way, again?
Only because you didn't say anything earlier...
...

Hmm...
If we keep going this way.

Mortals are inconvenient creatures
Tiring so easily...
It's better than before
Is you compare it

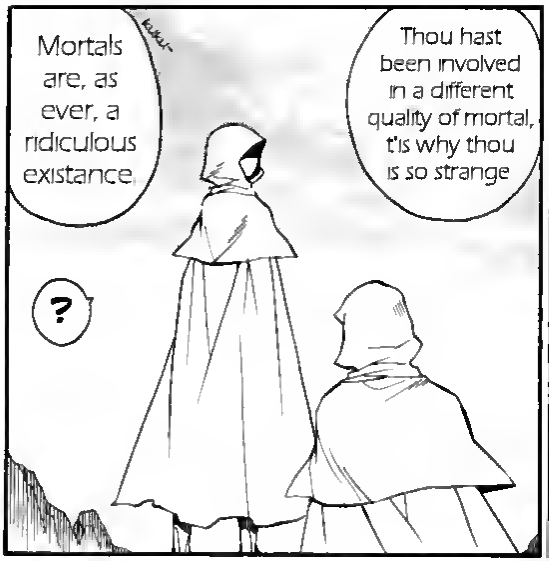
Yup.
Th...This way is the one, probably
I think
...

I've got a good feeling about this direction.
We should take our time.
Enjoy the scenery.
You haven't done this much, have you?
...
Hello
There's people to meet.
The flowers are blooming.

I see it...!
...I hast, to a small degree...
Really?
Ah,
...
Every-one will be sur-prised.
Let's go!
That's it!
I'm glad- This path payed off.

Though they might be surprised,
Is thou certain they shalt be pleased?
Wouldst they not think the Gods they thought vanished art a nuisance—
That again...?
I told you, didn't I?
That's unfair.
I threw away the power of a God,
Not your existance.
Besides... We were originally one being, right?

So it would be strange if only one of us could disappear.
So both would have to stay
...
..It's just my answer
So thou leaves us both as mortals?
Thou might be mine other half, but I shalt never understand thine thinking
Your voice when I awoke,
Traveling with everyone.
Meeting you,
Finally finding my path—


Mortals are, as ever, a ridiculous existance
Thou hast been involved in a different quality of mortal, t'is why thou is so strange
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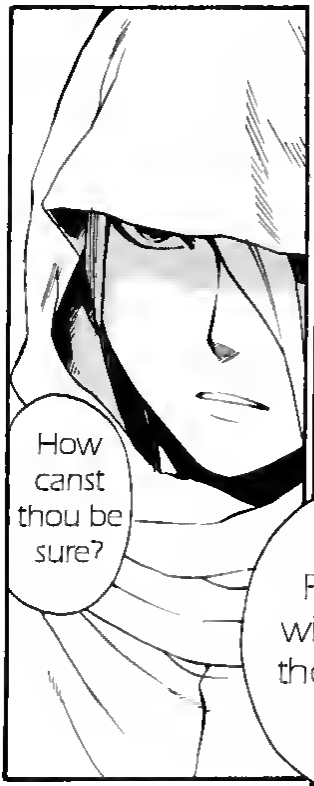
How canst thou be sure?

It'll be okay..
People will move the world

What shall become of this world without Gods—
Mayhaps... If we hath simply repeated the same mistake...
It'll be okay.

—Because I love this world.
And even if it was a mistake...
They'll find a way to overcome it, and make it better.

This world where everyone is!
Because I believe in it.

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The other me
He's called a god, but,
What'll I do if he's like
Wild Fancy
Our other half...
And then, the reunion:
At long last, thou hast arrived.
?
Yo-
Thou was to say something different...
I'm so glad-!!
You're so handsome!!

Lord Fou-Lu's divinity has vanished
Ah
For real
Won-Qu!
What to do Should I continue my vigil here?
Perhaps I should go to Lord Other Half
Well...
Lord Fou-Lu went somewhere
A present
Long time
A-Tur?!
Why are you here...
Yes My neck is stiff, thanks to that.
Worried about master
It was awful. I had to destroy the capital
What will become of us, I wonder
Is that where you were stone?

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